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LETTER DATED 15 MARCH 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you of the recent massacre of 100 innocent civilians in the town of Kamituga, province of Sud-Kivu.

This slaughter was perpetrated on 5 March 1999 by Rwandan elements of the Rwandan-Ugandan coalition troops in the said locality. It is one more in the already long list of massacres committed by these occupation troops in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo recalls the press statement made on Wednesday, 13 January 1999 by the President of the Security Council, who stated in particular with regard to the Makobola massacre, also in the province of Sud-Kivu, that the members of the Council had expressed their indignation at the reports of a massacre of hundreds of civilians in Sud-Kivu and called for an international inquiry into these killings.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, reiterating its call for those aggressors who prove to have participated in massacres, atrocities and violations of humanitarian law in Congolese territory to be brought to justice, urges the Security Council to expedite an international inquiry, both into the Makobola massacre, as decided by the Council on 13 January 1999, and into the Kamituga massacre.

The Council is further urged to extend its investigations to all of the atrocities and violations of international humanitarian law committed by Uganda and Rwanda in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) André MWAMBA KAPANGA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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